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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 4, 2019
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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when
  printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- committee
  discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted
  to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to mailing special ballots
  for victims of domestic violence

  **The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
  bly, do enact as follows:**

1   Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 11-306 of the election law, as
2 amended by chapter 163 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4   1. A voter may deliver to the board of elections, **in person or by
5 mail,** at any time during the period in which absentee ballot applica-
6 tions may be delivered, a signed written statement swearing or affirm-
7 ing:
8   (a) that he or she is the victim of domestic violence;
9   (b) that he or she has left his or her residence because of such
10 violence; and
11   (c) that because of the threat of physical or emotional harm to
12 himself or herself or to family or household members, he or she wishes
13 to cast a special ballot in the next election. The statement must
14 include the voter's address of registration. The board of elections
15 shall permit such a voter to cast a special ballot at an office of such
16 board of elections [~~not earlier than one week before the election and~~]
17 not later than the close of the polls on election day**, or by mail within
18 the same time and in the same manner in which absentee ballots may be
19 cast, provided however that the distribution of such ballots to such
20 voters shall be timed to afford such voters sufficient time to cast such
21 ballots prior to the close of the polls on election day**. Such ballots
22 shall be retained at the board of elections and cast and canvassed
23 pursuant to the provisions of section 9-209 of this chapter.
24   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

     EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
                          [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.
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